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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

IN RE BEXTRA AND CELEBREX
MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES AND
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

This document relates to

ENID R. FARKAS,
Plaintiff,

vs.

PFIZER, INC., PHARMACIA CORPORATION,
and G.D. SEARLE LLC, (FKA G.D. SEARLE &
CO.),

Defendants.

) MDL Docket No. 1699

) CASE NO. 3:07-cv-02724-CRB

) **PFIZER INC., PHARMACIA**
) **CORPORATION, AND G.D.**
) **SEARLE LLC'S ANSWER TO**
) **COMPLAINT**

) **JURY DEMAND ENDORSED**
) **HEREIN**

1 NOW COME Defendants Pfizer Inc. (improperly captioned in Plaintiff's Complaint as
2 "Pfizer, Inc.") ("Pfizer"), Pharmacia Corporation ("Pharmacia"), and G.D. Searle LLC
3 ("Searle"), (collectively "Defendants") and file this Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint
4 ("Complaint"), and would respectfully show the Court as follows:

5 **I.**

6 **PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

7 The Complaint does not state in sufficient detail when Plaintiff was prescribed or used
8 Celebrex® (celecoxib) ("Celebrex®"). Accordingly, this Answer can only be drafted
9 generally. Defendants may seek leave to amend this Answer when discovery reveals the
10 specific time periods in which Plaintiff was prescribed and used Celebrex®.

11 **II.**

12 **ANSWER**

13 Answering the unnumbered paragraph preceding Paragraph 1 of the Complaint,
14 Defendants admit that Plaintiff brought this civil action seeking monetary damages, but deny
15 that Plaintiff is entitled to any relief or damages. Defendants admit that, during certain periods
16 of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States to be
17 prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance
18 with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time,
19 Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-
20 promoted and distributed Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare
21 providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the
22 FDA. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
23 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
24 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
25 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
26 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or damage,
27 and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

Response to Allegations Regarding Parties

1. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding Plaintiff's age, citizenship, and marital status, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

2. Defendants admit that Pfizer is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in New York. Defendants admit that, as the result of a merger in April 2003, Pharmacia became a subsidiary of Pfizer. Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding "predecessors in interest" are vague and ambiguous. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer marketed and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States, including Puerto Rico, to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

3. Defendants admit that Searle is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Illinois. Defendants admit that Pharmacia acquired Searle in 2000 and that, as the result of a merger in April 2003, Searle and Pharmacia became subsidiaries of Pfizer. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-promoted and distributed Celebrex® in the United States, to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

4. Defendants admit that Pharmacia is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in New Jersey. Defendants admit that Pharmacia acquired Searle in 2000 and that, as the result of a merger in April 2003, Searle and Pharmacia became subsidiaries of Pfizer. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pharmacia marketed and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States, including Puerto Rico and California, to be prescribed by

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1 healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their
2 approval by the FDA. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the
3 Complaint.

4 5. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed
5 and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who
6 are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA.
7 Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and
8 packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-promoted and distributed
9 Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law
10 authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit
11 that Pharmacia acquired Searle in 2000 and that, as the result of a merger in April 2003, Searle
12 and Pharmacia became subsidiaries of Pfizer. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this
13 paragraph of the Complaint.

14 6. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed
15 and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who
16 are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA.
17 Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and
18 packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-promoted and distributed
19 Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law
20 authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants state
21 that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved
22 prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are
23 adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times
24 adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any
25 wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

26 7. Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding
27 “predecessors in interest” are vague and ambiguous. Defendants are without knowledge or
28 information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations, and, therefore, deny

1 the same. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

2 **Response to Allegations Regarding Jurisdiction and Venue**

3 8. Defendants are without knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the
4 allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding Plaintiff's citizenship and the amount
5 in controversy, and, therefore, deny the same. However, Defendants admit that Plaintiff claims
6 that the parties are diverse and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of
7 interests and costs.

8 9. Defendants are without knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the
9 allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding the judicial district in which the
10 asserted claims allegedly arose and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex®
11 was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing
12 information. Defendants deny committing a tort in the State of Florida or the State of
13 California and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

14 10. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed
15 and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States, including Puerto Rico and California, to be
16 prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance
17 with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time,
18 Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-
19 promoted and distributed Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare
20 providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the
21 FDA. Defendants admit that Pfizer, Pharmacia, and Searle are registered to and do business in
22 the States of Puerto Rico and California. Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph
23 of the Complaint regarding "predecessors in interest" are vague and ambiguous. Defendants
24 are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such
25 allegations, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants deny committing a tort in Puerto Rico or
26 the States of Florida or California and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the
27 Complaint.

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Response to Allegations Regarding Interdistrict Assignment

11. Defendants state that this paragraph of the Complaint contains legal contentions to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Defendants admit that this case should be transferred to In re: Bextra and Celebrex Marketing, Sales Prac. and Prods. Liab. Litig., MDL-1699, assigned to the Honorable Charles R. Breyer by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation on September 6, 2005.

Response to Factual Allegations

12. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

13. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding Plaintiff's medical condition or whether Plaintiff used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or damage and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

14. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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15. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or damage and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

16. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that, in the ordinary case, Celebrex® was expected to reach users and consumers without substantial change from the time of sale. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

17. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

18. Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding aspirin, naproxen, and ibuprofen are not directed toward Defendants, and, therefore, no response is required. Defendants admit that Celebrex® is in a class of drugs that are, at times, referred to as being non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (“NSAIDs”). Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

19. Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint are not directed

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1 towards Defendants and, therefore, no response is required. To the extent that a response is
2 deemed required, Defendants state that Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the
3 allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information
4 or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same.

5 20. Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint are not directed
6 towards Defendants and, therefore, no response is required. To the extent that a response is
7 deemed required, Defendants state that Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the
8 allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information
9 or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same.

10 21. Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint are not directed
11 towards Defendants and, therefore, no response is required. To the extent that a response is
12 deemed required, Defendants state that Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the
13 allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information
14 or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same.

15 22. Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding “other
16 pharmaceutical companies” are not directed towards Defendants and, therefore, no response is
17 required. To the extent a response is deemed required, Defendants state that, as stated in the
18 FDA-approved labeling for Celebrex®, “[t]he mechanism of action of Celebrex is believed to
19 be due to inhibition of prostaglandin synthesis, primarily via inhibition of cyclooxygenase-2
20 (COX-2), and at therapeutic concentrations in humans, Celebrex does not inhibit the
21 cyclooxygenase-1 (COX-1) isoenzyme.” Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the
22 remaining allegations in this paragraph and Defendants therefore lack sufficient information or
23 knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and, therefore, deny the remaining
24 allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

25 23. Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding
26 “predecessors in interest” are vague and ambiguous. Defendants are without knowledge or
27 information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations, and, therefore, deny
28 the same. Defendants state that, as stated in the FDA-approved labeling for Celebrex®, “[t]he

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1 mechanism of action of Celebrex is believed to be due to inhibition of prostaglandin synthesis,
2 primarily via inhibition of cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2), and at therapeutic concentrations in
3 humans, Celebrex does not inhibit the cyclooxygenase-1 (COX-1) isoenzyme.” Defendants
4 state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-
5 approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex®
6 were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at
7 all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny
8 any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

9 24. Defendants admit that Searle submitted a New Drug Application (“NDA”) for
10 Celebrex® on June 29, 1998. Defendants admit that, on December 31, 1998, the FDA granted
11 approval of Celebrex® for the following indications: (1) for relief of the signs and symptoms of
12 osteoarthritis; and (2) for relief of the signs and symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis in adults.
13 Defendants admit that, on December 23, 1999, the FDA granted approval of Celebrex® to
14 reduce the number of adenomatous colorectal polyps in familial adenomatous polyposis
15 (“FAP”) as an adjunct to usual care (e.g. endoscopic surveillance surgery). Defendants deny
16 the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

17 25. Defendants admit that Celebrex® was launched in February 1999. Defendants admit
18 that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed and co-promoted
19 Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law
20 authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit
21 that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for Searle,
22 which developed, tested, marketed, co-promoted and distributed Celebrex® in the United States
23 to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in
24 accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe
25 and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information.
26 Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its
27 FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with
28 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the

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1 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

2 26. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
3 Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is
4 denied. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
5 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in
6 this paragraph of the Complaint.

7 27. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
8 Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is
9 denied. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
10 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in
11 this paragraph of the Complaint.

12 28. Defendants state that the referenced FDA Update speaks for itself and respectfully refer
13 the Court to the FDA Update for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the
14 FDA Update is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the
15 Complaint.

16 29. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
17 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
18 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
19 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
20 Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

21 30. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
22 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
23 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
24 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
25 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of
26 the Complaint.

27 31. Defendants admit that a supplemental NDA for Celebrex® was submitted to the FDA
28 on June 12, 2000. Defendants assert that the submission speaks for itself and any attempt to

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1 characterize it is denied. Defendants admit that a Medical Officer Review dated September 20,
2 2000, was completed by the FDA. Defendants state that the referenced study speaks for itself
3 and respectfully refer the Court to the study for its actual language and text. Any attempt to
4 characterize the study is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of
5 the Complaint.

6 32. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
7 Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is
8 denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

9 33. Defendants state that the referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
10 Court to the study for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the study is
11 denied. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this
12 paragraph of the Complaint.

13 34. Defendants state that the FDA Medical Officer Review speaks for itself and respectfully
14 refer the Court to the Medical Officer Review for its actual language and text. Any attempt to
15 characterize the Medical Officer Review is denied. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and
16 deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

17 35. Defendants state that the transcripts of the FDA Arthritis Drugs Advisory Committee
18 hearings speak for themselves and respectfully refer the Court to the transcripts for their actual
19 language and text. Any attempt to characterize the transcripts is denied. Defendants deny any
20 wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

21 36. Defendants state that the referenced articles speak for themselves and respectfully refer
22 the Court to the articles for their actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the
23 articles is denied. Defendants state that the referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully
24 refer the Court to the study for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the
25 study is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

26 37. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
27 Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is
28 denied. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this

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1 paragraph of the Complaint.

2 38. Defendants state that the referenced articles speak for themselves and respectfully refer
3 the Court to the articles for their actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the
4 articles is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the
5 Complaint.

6 39. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
7 Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is
8 denied. Defendants state that the referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
9 Court to the study for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the study is
10 denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

11 40. Defendants state that the referenced Medical Officer Review speaks for itself and
12 respectfully refer the Court to the Medical Officer Review for its actual language and text. Any
13 attempt to characterize the Medical Officer Review is denied. Defendants deny the remaining
14 allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

15 41. Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the allegations concerning “Public
16 Citizen” in this paragraph of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information or
17 knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same.
18 Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

19 42. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
20 Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is
21 denied. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this
22 paragraph of the Complaint.

23 43. Defendants state that the referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
24 Court to the study for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the study is
25 denied. Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the allegations concerning “Public
26 Citizen” in this paragraph of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information or
27 knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same.
28 Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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1 44. Defendants admit that there was a clinical trial called APC. Defendants state that the
2 referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the article for its actual
3 language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is denied. Defendants deny the
4 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

5 45. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
6 Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is
7 denied. Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the allegations concerning “Data Safety
8 Monitoring Board” in this paragraph of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient
9 information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore,
10 deny the same. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

11 46. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
12 Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is
13 denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

14 47. Defendants state that the referenced Alert for Healthcare Professionals speaks for itself
15 and respectfully refer the Court to the Alert for Healthcare Professionals for its actual language
16 and text. Any attempt to characterize the Alert for Healthcare Professionals is denied.
17 Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

18 48. Defendants state that the referenced Medical Officer Review speaks for itself and
19 respectfully refer the Court to the Medical Officer Review for its actual language and text. Any
20 attempt to characterize the Medical Officer Review is denied. Defendants deny the remaining
21 allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

22 49. Defendants admit that there was a clinical trial called PreSAP. Plaintiff fails to provide
23 the proper context for the allegations concerning “other Celebrex trials” contained in this
24 paragraph of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information or knowledge to
25 form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same. As for the
26 allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding the PreSAP study, Defendants state
27 that the referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the study for its
28 actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the study is denied. Defendants deny the

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1 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

2 50. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
3 Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is
4 denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

5 51. Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the allegations in this paragraph of the
6 Complaint regarding Merck and Vioxx® in this paragraph of the Complaint. Defendants
7 therefore lack sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such
8 allegations and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that the referenced studies speak for
9 themselves and respectfully refer the Court to the studies for their actual language and text.
10 Any attempt to characterize the studies is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in
11 this paragraph of the Complaint.

12 52. Defendants state that the referenced Medical Officer Review speaks for itself and
13 respectfully refer the Court to the Medical Officer Review for its actual language and text. Any
14 attempt to characterize the Medical Officer Review is denied. Defendants deny the remaining
15 allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

16 53. Defendants state that allegations regarding Vioxx® in this paragraph of the Complaint
17 are not directed toward Defendants, and therefore no response is required. To the extent that a
18 response is deemed required, Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the allegations in
19 this paragraph of the Complaint regarding Vioxx® in this paragraph of the Complaint.
20 Defendants therefore lack sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of
21 such allegations and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that the referenced study
22 speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the study for its actual language and text.
23 Any attempt to characterize the study is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in
24 this paragraph of the Complaint.

25 54. Defendants state that allegations regarding Merck and Vioxx® in this paragraph of the
26 Complaint are not directed toward Defendants, and therefore no response is required. To the
27 extent that a response is deemed required, Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the
28 allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding Merck and Vioxx® in this paragraph

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1 of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information or knowledge to form a
2 belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that the
3 referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the study for its actual
4 language and text. Any attempt to characterize the study is denied. Defendants deny the
5 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

6 55. Defendants state that allegations regarding Merck and Vioxx® in this paragraph of the
7 Complaint are not directed toward Defendants, and therefore no response is required. To the
8 extent that a response is deemed required, Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the
9 allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding Merck and Vioxx® in this paragraph
10 of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information or knowledge to form a
11 belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that the
12 referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the study for its actual
13 language and text. Any attempt to characterize the study is denied. Defendants state that the
14 referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the article for its actual
15 language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is denied. Defendants deny the
16 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

17 56. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
18 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants deny the allegations in this
19 paragraph of the Complaint.

20 57. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
21 Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is
22 denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

23 58. Defendants state that allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint are not directed
24 toward Defendants, and therefore no response is required. To the extent that a response is
25 deemed required, Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully
26 refer the Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the
27 article is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

28 59. Defendants deny the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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60. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® is defective, and deny the remaining allegations contained in this paragraph of the Complaint.

61. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the allegations contained in this paragraph of the Complaint.

62. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the allegations contained in this paragraph of the Complaint.

63. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations contained in this paragraph of the Complaint.

64. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® is unreasonably dangerous, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

65. Defendants admit that the FDA Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (“DDMAC”) sent letters to Searle dated October 6, 1999, April 6, 2000, and November 14, 2000. Defendants state that the referenced letters speak for themselves and

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1 respectfully refer the Court to the letters for their actual language and text. Any attempt to
2 characterize the letters is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph
3 of the Complaint.

4 66. Defendants admit that the DDMAC sent a letter to Pharmacia dated February 1, 2001.
5 Defendants state that the referenced letter speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to
6 the letter for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the letter is denied.
7 Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

8 67. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
9 Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is
10 denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

11 68. Defendants admit that the DDMAC sent a letter to Pfizer dated January 10, 2005.
12 Defendants state that the referenced letter speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to
13 the letter for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the letter is denied.
14 Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

15 69. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
16 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
17 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
18 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
19 Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed and co-
20 promoted Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by
21 law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants
22 admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for
23 Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-promoted and distributed Celebrex® in the
24 United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe
25 drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants deny the remaining
26 allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

27 70. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
28 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of

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Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-promoted and distributed Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants state that Celebrex® is a prescription medication which is approved by the FDA for the following indications: (1) for relief of the signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis; (2) for relief of the signs and symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis in adults; (3) for the management of acute pain in adults; (4) for the treatment of primary dysmenorrhea; (5) to reduce the number of adenomatous colorectal polyps in familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) as an adjunct to usual care (e.g., endoscopic surveillance surgery); (6) for relief of signs and symptoms of ankylosing spondylitis; and (7) for relief of the signs and symptoms of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis in patients two years of age and older. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

71. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which at all times was adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants state that Plaintiff's allegations regarding "predecessors in interest" are vague and ambiguous. Defendants are without knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® is defective, and deny the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

72. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of

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1 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
2 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
3 Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed and co-
4 promoted Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by
5 law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants
6 admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for
7 Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-promoted and distributed Celebrex® in the
8 United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe
9 drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants deny the remaining
10 allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

11 73. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
12 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
13 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
14 which at all times was adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
15 Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed and co-
16 promoted Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by
17 law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants
18 admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for
19 Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-promoted and distributed Celebrex® in the
20 United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe
21 drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants deny the remaining
22 allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

23 74. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
24 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
25 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
26 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
27 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of
28 the Complaint.

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1 75. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
2 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
3 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
4 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
5 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of
6 the Complaint.

7 76. Defendants deny the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

8 77. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
9 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
10 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
11 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
12 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of
13 the Complaint.

14 78. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
15 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
16 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
17 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
18 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of
19 the Complaint.

20 79. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
21 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used
22 Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that
23 Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this
24 paragraph of the Complaint.

25 80. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
26 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
27 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
28 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.

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1 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® is defective, and deny the
2 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

3 81. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
4 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
5 Celebrex® are and were adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
6 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
7 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of
8 the Complaint.

9 82. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
10 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
11 Celebrex® are and were adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
12 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
13 Defendants state that the referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to
14 the study for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the study is denied.
15 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of
16 the Complaint.

17 83. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this
18 paragraph of the Complaint.

19 84. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
20 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used
21 Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and
22 effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants
23 state that the potential effects of Celebrex® are and were adequately described in its FDA-
24 approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with
25 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the
26 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

27 **Response to First Cause of Action: Negligence**

28 85. Defendants incorporate by reference their responses to each paragraph of Plaintiff's

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1 Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

2 86. Defendants state that this paragraph of the Complaint contains legal contentions to
3 which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Defendants
4 admit that they had duties as are imposed by law but deny having breached such duties.
5 Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its
6 FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
7 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
8 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
9 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of
10 the Complaint.

11 87. Defendants state that this paragraph of the Complaint contains legal contentions to
12 which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Defendants
13 admit that they had duties as are imposed by law but deny having breached such duties.
14 Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its
15 FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
16 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
17 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
18 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of
19 the Complaint.

20 88. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
21 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used
22 Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and
23 effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants
24 state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-
25 approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with
26 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the
27 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint, including all subparts.

28 89. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the

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1 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used
2 Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and
3 effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants
4 state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-
5 approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with
6 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the
7 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

8 90. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
9 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
10 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
11 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
12 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of
13 the Complaint.

14 91. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
15 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used
16 Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and
17 effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants
18 state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-
19 approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with
20 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that
21 Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this
22 paragraph of the Complaint.

23 92. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
24 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding Plaintiff's medical
25 conditions and whether Plaintiff used Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants
26 deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or damage, and deny
27 the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

28 93. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or

1 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

2 94. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
3 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

4 95. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
5 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

6 **Response to Second Cause of Action: Strict Liability**

7 96. Defendants incorporate by reference their responses to each paragraph of Plaintiff's
8 Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

9 97. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
10 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used
11 Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of
12 time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States to be
13 prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance
14 with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time,
15 Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-
16 promoted and distributed Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare
17 providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the
18 FDA. Defendants state that, in the ordinary case, Celebrex® was expected to reach users and
19 consumers without substantial change from the time of sale. Defendants deny the remaining
20 allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

21 98. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
22 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
23 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
24 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
25 Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

26 99. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
27 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
28 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,

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1 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
2 Defendants deny that Celebrex® is defective or unreasonably dangerous and deny the
3 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

4 100. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
5 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
6 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
7 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
8 Defendants deny that Celebrex® is defective or unreasonably dangerous and deny the
9 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint, including all subparts..

10 101. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
11 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used
12 Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and
13 effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants
14 state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-
15 approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with
16 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that
17 Celebrex® is defective, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or damage, and deny the
18 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

19 102. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
20 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
21 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
22 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
23 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® is defective, and deny the
24 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

25 103. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
26 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used
27 Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and
28 effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants

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1 state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-
2 approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with
3 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that
4 Celebrex® is defective, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or damage, and deny the
5 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

6 104. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
7 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
8 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
9 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
10 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of
11 the Complaint.

12 105. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
13 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used
14 Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and
15 effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants
16 state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-
17 approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with
18 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that
19 Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this
20 paragraph of the Complaint.

21 106. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
22 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
23 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
24 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
25 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of
26 the Complaint.

27 107. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
28 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used

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1 Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and
2 effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants
3 state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-
4 approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with
5 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the
6 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

7 108. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
8 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

9 109. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
10 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

11 Answering the unnumbered paragraph following Paragraph 109 of the Complaint,
12 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or damage,
13 and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

14 **Response to Third Cause of Action: Breach of Express Warranty**

15 110. Defendants incorporate by reference their responses to each paragraph of Plaintiff's
16 Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

17 111. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
18 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used
19 Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and
20 effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants
21 state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-
22 approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with
23 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants admit that they provided FDA-approved
24 prescribing information regarding Celebrex®. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in
25 this paragraph of the Complaint.

26 112. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
27 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used
28 Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and

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1 effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants
2 state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-
3 approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with
4 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants admit that they provided FDA-approved
5 prescribing information regarding Celebrex®. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and
6 deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint, including all subparts.

7 113. Defendants admit that they provided FDA-approved prescribing information regarding
8 Celebrex®. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this
9 paragraph of the Complaint.

10 114. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
11 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
12 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
13 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
14 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of
15 the Complaint.

16 115. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
17 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
18 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
19 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
20 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of
21 the Complaint.

22 116. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
23 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used
24 Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that the potential effects of
25 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
26 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
27 Defendants admit that they provided FDA-approved prescribing information regarding
28 Celebrex®. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

1 117. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
2 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

3 118. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
4 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

5 119. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
6 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

7 **Response to Fourth Cause of Action: Breach of Implied Warranty**

8 120. Defendants incorporate by reference their responses to each paragraph of Plaintiff's
9 Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

10 121. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed
11 and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who
12 are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA.
13 Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and
14 packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-promoted and distributed
15 Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law
16 authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants deny
17 the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

18 122. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
19 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
20 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
21 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
22 Defendants admit that they provided FDA-approved prescribing information regarding
23 Celebrex®. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

24 123. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
25 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
26 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
27 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
28 Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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124. Defendants state that this paragraph of the Complaint contains legal contentions to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that they breached any warranty, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

125. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® is a prescription medication which is approved by the FDA for the following indications: (1) for relief of the signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis; (2) for relief of the signs and symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis in adults; (3) for the management of acute pain in adults; (4) for the treatment of primary dysmenorrhea; (5) to reduce the number of adenomatous colorectal polyps in familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) as an adjunct to usual care (e.g., endoscopic surveillance surgery); (6) for relief of signs and symptoms of ankylosing spondylitis; and (7) for relief of the signs and symptoms of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis in patients two years of age and older. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

126. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants admit that they provided FDA-approved prescribing information regarding Celebrex®. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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1 127. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
2 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used
3 Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that, in the ordinary case,
4 Celebrex® was expected to reach users and consumers without substantial change from the
5 time of sale. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

6 128. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
7 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used
8 Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and
9 effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants
10 state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-
11 approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with
12 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that they
13 breached any warranty, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

14 129. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
15 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

16 130. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
17 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

18 131. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
19 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

20 **Response to Fifth Cause of Action: Fraudulent Misrepresentation and Concealment**

21 132. Defendants incorporate by reference their responses to each paragraph of Plaintiff's
22 Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

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27 FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
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9 the Complaint, including all subparts.

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15 the Complaint.

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21 approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with
22 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that
23 Celebrex® is defective or unreasonably dangerous, and deny the remaining allegations in this
24 paragraph of the Complaint, including all subparts.

25 137. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance
26 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
27 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
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2 the Complaint.

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10 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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17 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the
18 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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26 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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5 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the
6 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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10 effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants
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13 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the
14 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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20 approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with
21 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the
22 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

23 144. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
24 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

25 145. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
26 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

27 146. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
28 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

Response to Sixth Cause of Action: Unjust Enrichment

147. Defendants incorporate by reference their responses to each paragraph of Plaintiff's Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

148. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-promoted and distributed Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

149. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

150. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

151. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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1 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Plaintiff used
2 Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and
3 effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants
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5 approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with
6 applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the
7 remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

8 153. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
9 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

10 **Response to Seventh Cause of Action:**

11 **State Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Trade Practices Act**

12 154. Defendants incorporate by reference their responses to each paragraph of Plaintiff's
13 Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

14 155. Defendants state that this paragraph of the Complaint contains legal contentions to
15 which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Defendants
16 admit that they had duties as are imposed by law but deny having breached such duties.
17 Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

18 156. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
19 truth of the allegations regarding whether Plaintiff used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the
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21 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
22 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
23 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
24 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of
25 the Complaint.

26 157. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
27 truth of the allegations regarding whether Plaintiff used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the
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1 with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of
2 Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,
3 which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.
4 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or damage,
5 and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

6 158. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
7 truth of the allegations regarding whether Plaintiff used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the
8 same. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

9 159. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
10 truth of the allegations regarding whether Plaintiff used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the
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15 Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of
16 the Complaint.

17 160. Defendants state that this paragraph of the Complaint contains legal contentions to
18 which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Defendants
19 deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the
20 Complaint.

21 161. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
22 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

23 162. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
24 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

25 163. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
26 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

27 164. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or
28 damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

165. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

Response to Prayer For Relief

Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in paragraph of the Complaint headed “Prayer for Relief,” including all subparts.

III.

GENERAL DENIAL

Defendants deny all allegations and/or legal conclusions set forth in Plaintiff’s Complaint that have not been previously admitted, denied, or explained.

IV.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Defendants reserve the right to rely upon any of the following or additional defenses to claims asserted by Plaintiff to the extent that such defenses are supported by information developed through discovery or evidence at trial. Defendants affirmatively show that:

First Defense

1. The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

Second Defense

2. Celebrex® is a prescription medical product. The federal government has preempted the field of law applicable to the labeling and warning of prescription medical products. Defendants’ labeling and warning of Celebrex® was at all times in compliance with applicable federal law. Plaintiff’s causes of action against Defendants, therefore, fail to state a claim upon which relief can be granted; such claims, if allowed, would conflict with applicable federal law and violate the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution.

Third Defense

3. At all relevant times, Defendants provided proper warnings, information, and instructions for the drug in accordance with generally recognized and prevailing standards in existence at the time.

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Fourth Defense

4. At all relevant times, Defendants' warnings and instructions with respect to the use of Celebrex® conformed to the generally recognized, reasonably available, and reliable state of knowledge at the time the drug was manufactured, marketed, and distributed.

Fifth Defense

5. Plaintiff's action is time-barred as it is filed outside of the time permitted by the applicable Statute of Limitations, and same is pled in full bar of any liability as to Defendants.

Sixth Defense

6. Plaintiff's action is barred by the statute of repose.

Seventh Defense

7. Plaintiff's claims against Defendants are barred to the extent Plaintiff was contributorily negligent, actively negligent or otherwise failed to mitigate Plaintiff's damages, and any recovery by Plaintiff should be diminished accordingly.

Eighth Defense

8. The proximate cause of the loss complained of by Plaintiff is not due to any acts or omissions on the part of Defendants. Rather, said loss is due to the acts or omissions on the part of third parties unrelated to Defendants and for whose acts or omissions Defendants are not liable in any way.

Ninth Defense

9. The acts and/or omissions of unrelated third parties as alleged constituted independent, intervening causes for which Defendants cannot be liable.

Tenth Defense

10. Any injuries or expenses incurred by Plaintiff were not caused by Celebrex®, but were proximately caused, in whole or in part, by an idiosyncratic reaction, operation of nature, or act of God.

Eleventh Defense

11. Defendants affirmatively deny that they violated any duty owed to Plaintiff.

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Twelfth Defense

12. A manufacturer has no duty to warn patients or the general public of any risk, contraindication, or adverse effect associated with the use of a prescription medical product. Rather, the law requires that all such warnings and appropriate information be given to the prescribing physician and the medical profession, which act as a “learned intermediary” in determining the use of the product. Celebrex® is a prescription medical product, available only on the order of a licensed physician. Celebrex® provided an adequate warning to Plaintiff’s treating and prescribing physicians.

Thirteenth Defense

13. The product at issue was not in a defective condition or unreasonably dangerous at the time it left the control of the manufacturer or seller.

Fourteenth Defense

14. Celebrex® was at all times material to the Complaint reasonably safe and reasonably fit for its intended use and the warnings and instructions accompanying Celebrex® at the time of the occurrence of the injuries alleged by Plaintiff were legally adequate for its approved usages.

Fifteenth Defense

15. Plaintiff’s causes of action are barred in whole or in part by the lack of a defect as the Celebrex® allegedly ingested by Plaintiff was prepared in accordance with the applicable standard of care.

Sixteenth Defense

16. Plaintiff’s alleged injuries/damages, if any, were the result of misuse or abnormal use of the product Celebrex® after the product left the control of Defendants and any liability of Defendants is therefore barred.

Seventeenth Defense

17. Plaintiff’s alleged damages were not caused by any failure to warn on the part of Defendants.

Eighteenth Defense

18. Plaintiff's alleged injuries/damages, if any, were the result of preexisting or subsequent conditions unrelated to Celebrex®.

Nineteenth Defense

19. Plaintiff knew or should have known of any risk associated with Celebrex®; therefore, the doctrine of assumption of the risk bars or diminishes any recovery.

Twentieth Defense

20. Plaintiff is barred from recovering against Defendants because Plaintiff's claims are preempted in accordance with the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution and by the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act, 21 U.S.C. § 301 et. seq.

Twenty-first Defense

21. Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part under the applicable state law because the subject pharmaceutical product at issue was subject to and received pre-market approval by the Food and Drug Administration under 52 Stat. 1040, 21 U.S.C. § 301.

Twenty-second Defense

22. The manufacture, distribution, and sale of the pharmaceutical product referred to in Plaintiff's Complaint were at all times in compliance with all federal regulations and statutes, and Plaintiff's causes of action are preempted.

Twenty-third Defense

23. Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part by the deference given to the primary jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration over the subject pharmaceutical product at issue under applicable federal laws, regulations, and rules.

Twenty-fourth Defense

24. Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part because there is no private right of action concerning matters regulated by the Food and Drug Administration under applicable federal laws, regulations, and rules.

Twenty-fifth Defense

25. Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part because Defendants provided adequate "direction or warnings" as to the use of the subject pharmaceutical product within the meaning of Comment j to Section 402A of the Restatement (Second) of Torts.

Twenty-sixth Defense

26. Plaintiff's claims are barred or limited to a product liability failure to warn claim because Celebrex® is a prescription pharmaceutical drug and falls within the ambit of Restatement (Second) of Torts § 402A, Comment k.

Twenty-seventh Defense

27. Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part because the subject pharmaceutical product at issue "provides net benefits for a class of patients" within the meaning of Comment f to § 6 of the Restatement (Third) of Torts: Products Liability.

Twenty-eighth Defense

28. Plaintiff's claims are barred under § 4, et seq., of the Restatement (Third) of Torts: Products Liability.

Twenty-ninth Defense

29. To the extent that Plaintiff is seeking punitive damages, Plaintiff has failed to plead facts sufficient under the law to justify an award of punitive damages.

Thirtieth Defense

30. Defendants affirmatively aver that the imposition of punitive damages in this case would violate Defendants' rights to procedural due process under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and the Constitutions of the States of Florida and California, and would additionally violate Defendants' rights to substantive due process under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Thirty-first Defense

31. Plaintiff's claims for punitive damages are barred, in whole or in part, by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

Thirty-second Defense

32. The imposition of punitive damages in this case would violate the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Thirty-third Defense

33. Plaintiff's punitive damage claims are preempted by federal law.

Thirty-fourth Defense

34. In the event that reliance was placed upon Defendants' nonconformance to an express representation, this action is barred as there was no reliance upon representations, if any, of Defendants.

Thirty-fifth Defense

35. Plaintiff failed to provide Defendants with timely notice of any alleged nonconformance to any express representation.

Thirty-sixth Defense

36. To the extent that Plaintiff's claims are based on a theory providing for liability without proof of causation, the claims violate Defendants' rights under the United States Constitution.

Thirty-seventh Defense

37. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, because the advertisements, if any, and labeling with respect to the subject pharmaceutical products were not false or misleading and, therefore, constitute protected commercial speech under the applicable provisions of the United States Constitution.

Thirty-eighth Defense

38. To the extent that Plaintiff seeks punitive damages for the conduct which allegedly caused injuries asserted in the Complaint, punitive damages are barred or reduced by applicable law or statute or, in the alternative, are unconstitutional insofar as they violate the due process protections afforded by the United States Constitution, the excessive fines clause of the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution, the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution, and the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the United States Constitution, and applicable provisions of the Constitutions of the States of Florida and California. Any law,

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statute, or other authority purporting to permit the recovery of punitive damages in this case is unconstitutional, facially and as applied, to the extent that, without limitation, it: (1) lacks constitutionally sufficient standards to guide and restrain the jury's discretion in determining whether to award punitive damages and/or the amount, if any; (2) is void for vagueness in that it failed to provide adequate advance notice as to what conduct will result in punitive damages; (3) permits recovery of punitive damages based on out-of-state conduct, conduct that complied with applicable law, or conduct that was not directed, or did not proximately cause harm, to Plaintiff; (4) permits recovery of punitive damages in an amount that is not both reasonable and proportionate to the amount of harm, if any, to Plaintiff and to the amount of compensatory damages, if any; (5) permits jury consideration of net worth or other financial information relating to Defendants; (6) lacks constitutionally sufficient standards to be applied by the trial court in post-verdict review of any punitive damages awards; (7) lacks constitutionally sufficient standards for appellate review of punitive damages awards; and (8) otherwise fails to satisfy Supreme Court precedent, including, without limitation, *Pacific Mutual Life Ins. Co. v. Haslip*, 499 U.S. 1, 111 (1991), *TXO Production Corp. v. Alliance Resources, Inc.*, 509 U.S. 443 (1993); *BMW of North America, Inc. v. Gore*, 519 U.S. 559 (1996); and *State Farm Mut. Auto Ins. Co. v. Campbell*, 538 U.S. 408 (2003).

Thirty-ninth Defense

39. The methods, standards, and techniques utilized with respect to the manufacture, design, and marketing of Celebrex®, if any, used in this case, included adequate warnings and instructions with respect to the product's use in the package insert and other literature, and conformed to the generally recognized, reasonably available, and reliable state of the knowledge at the time the product was marketed.

Fortieth Defense

40. The claims asserted in the Complaint are barred because Celebrex® was designed, tested, manufactured, and labeled in accordance with the state-of-the-art industry standards existing at the time of the sale.

Forty-first Defense

41. If Plaintiff has sustained injuries or losses as alleged in the Complaint, upon information and belief, such injuries and losses were caused by the actions of persons not having real or apparent authority to take said actions on behalf of Defendants and over whom Defendants had no control and for whom Defendants may not be held accountable.

Forty-second Defense

42. The claims asserted in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, because Celebrex® was not unreasonably dangerous or defective, was suitable for the purpose for which it was intended, and was distributed with adequate and sufficient warnings.

Forty-third Defense

43. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the equitable doctrines of laches, waiver, and/or estoppel.

Forty-fourth Defense

44. Plaintiff's claims are barred because Plaintiff's injuries, if any, were the result of the pre-existing and/or unrelated medical, genetic, and/or environmental conditions, diseases or illnesses, subsequent medical conditions or natural courses of conditions of Plaintiff, and were independent of or far removed from Defendants' conduct.

Forty-fifth Defense

45. The claims asserted in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, because Celebrex® did not proximately cause injuries or damages to Plaintiff.

Forty-sixth Defense

46. The claims asserted in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, because Plaintiff did not incur any ascertainable loss as a result of Defendants' conduct.

Forty-seventh Defense

47. The claims asserted in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, because the manufacturing, labeling, packaging, and any advertising of the product complied with the applicable codes, standards and regulations established, adopted, promulgated or approved by

1 any applicable regulatory body, including but not limited to the United States, any state, and
2 any agency thereof.

3 **Forty-eighth Defense**

4 48. The claims must be dismissed because Plaintiff would have taken Celebrex® even if the
5 product labeling contained the information that Plaintiff contends should have been provided.

6 **Forty-ninth Defense**

7 49. The claims asserted in the Complaint are barred because the utility of Celebrex®
8 outweighed its risks.

9 **Fiftieth Defense**

10 50. Plaintiff's damages, if any, are barred or limited by the payments received from
11 collateral sources.

12 **Fifty-first Defense**

13 51. Defendants' liability, if any, can only be determined after the percentages of
14 responsibility of all persons who caused or contributed toward Plaintiff's alleged damages, if
15 any, are determined. Defendants seek an adjudication of the percentage of fault of the
16 claimants and each and every other person whose fault could have contributed to the alleged
17 injuries and damages, if any, of Plaintiff.

18 **Fifty-second Defense**

19 52. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of abstention in that the
20 common law gives deference to discretionary actions by the United States Food and Drug
21 Administration under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

22 **Fifty-third Defense**

23 53. The claims asserted in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, because Celebrex®
24 is comprehensively regulated by the FDA pursuant to the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act
25 ("FDCA"), 21 U.S.C. §§ 301 *et seq.*, and regulations promulgated there under, and Plaintiff's
26 claims conflict with the FDCA, with the regulations promulgated by FDA to implement the
27 FDCA, with the purposes and objectives of the FDCA and FDA's implementing regulations,
28 and with the specific determinations by FDA specifying the language that should be used in the

1 labeling accompanying Celebrex®. Accordingly, Plaintiff's claims are preempted by the
2 Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution, Article VI, clause 2, and the laws of the
3 United States.

4 **Fifty-fourth Defense**

5 54. Plaintiff's misrepresentation allegations are not stated with the degree of particularity
6 required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 9(b) and should be dismissed.

7 **Fifty-fifth Defense**

8 55. Defendants state on information and belief that the Complaint and each purported cause
9 of action contained therein is barred by the statutes of limitations contained in California Code
10 of Civil Procedure §§ 335.1 and 338 and former § 340(3), and such other statutes of limitation
11 as may apply.

12 **Fifty-sixth Defense**

13 56. Defendants state on information and belief that any injuries, losses, or damages suffered
14 by Plaintiff were proximately caused, in whole or in part, by the negligence or other actionable
15 conduct of persons or entities other than Defendants. Therefore, Plaintiff's recovery against
16 Defendants, if any, should be reduced pursuant to California Civil Code § 1431.2.

17 **Fifty-seventh Defense**

18 57. To the extent that Plaintiff seeks punitive damages for an alleged act or omission of
19 Defendants, no act or omission was oppressive, fraudulent, or malicious under California Civil
20 Code § 3294, and, therefore, any award of punitive damages is barred. Any claim for punitive
21 damages is also barred under California Civil Code § 3294(b).

22 **Fifty-eighth Defense**

23 58. Plaintiff's fraud-based claims, if any, are not stated with particularity as required by
24 Rule 1.120 of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

25 **Fifty-ninth Defense**

26 59. Plaintiff's claims are barred because Celebrex® was designed, manufactured, and
27 marketed in accordance with the state of the art at the time of manufacture per § 768.1257,
28 Florida Statutes.

1 **Sixtieth Defense**

2 60. Celebrex® is not defective or unreasonably dangerous, and Defendants are not liable
3 because, at the time of sale or distribution of the Celebrex® alleged to have been used by
4 Plaintiff, Defendants had complied with applicable regulations of the federal Food & Drug
5 Administration and are entitled to application of § 768.1256, Florida Statutes.

6 **Sixty-first Defense**

7 61. Plaintiff's injuries and damages, if any, were proximately caused by the negligence or
8 fault of Plaintiff, or persons or parties whose identities are unknown at this time, and such
9 comparative negligence or fault is sufficient to proportionately reduce or bar Plaintiff's
10 recovery. Thus, Defendants are entitled to have their liability to the Plaintiff, if any, reduced as
11 a result of the negligence or fault of said persons or entities, pursuant to the provisions of §
12 768.81, Florida Statutes. To the extent any recovery is permitted in this case, pursuant to §§
13 768.31 and 768.81, Florida Statutes, judgment must be entered on the basis of Defendants'
14 percentage of fault, taking into account the percentage of fault attributable to all other persons,
15 whether or not a party hereto, and not on the basis of joint and several liability. The persons or
16 entities referred to in this paragraph that are presently unknown to Defendants will be identified
17 in a timely manner consistent with *Nash v. Wells Fargo*, 678 So. 2d 1262 (Fla. 1996).

18 **Sixty-second Defense**

19 62. Plaintiff fails to state a claim for violation of The Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade
20 Practices Act ("FDUTPA").

21 **Sixty-third Defense**

22 63. FDUTPA does not apply to claims for personal injuries, and, accordingly, Plaintiff's
23 FDUTPA claim is improper and should be dismissed.

24 **Sixty-fourth Defense**

25 64. The acts or practices of which Plaintiff complains were and are required or specifically
26 permitted by federal or state law. Therefore, Plaintiff's FDUTPA claim is barred, fails to state
27 a claim, and should be dismissed with prejudice.

Sixty-fifth Defense

65. Plaintiff lacks standing because Defendants did not engage in deceptive conduct with regard to Plaintiff or otherwise.

Sixty-sixth Defense

66. Defendants reserve the right to supplement their assertion of defenses as they continue with their factual investigation of Plaintiff's claims.

V.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Defendants pray for judgment as follows:

1. That Plaintiff take nothing from Defendants by reason of the Complaint;
2. That the Complaint be dismissed;
3. That Defendants be awarded their costs for this lawsuit;
4. That the trier of fact determine what percentage of the combined fault or other liability of all persons whose fault or other liability proximately caused Plaintiff's alleged injuries, losses or damages is attributable to each person;
5. That any judgment for damages against Defendants in favor of Plaintiff be no greater than an amount which equals their proportionate share, if any, of the total fault or other liability which proximately caused Plaintiff's injuries and damages; and
6. That Defendants have such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

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